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## House Appropriations Request FY 2010

Project Name:

LEED Certification for the Green Square Project

Recipient:

Friends of the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences

Recipient Address:

11 West Jones Street

Recipient City:

Raleigh

Recipient State:

North Carolina

Recipient Zip:

27601

Amount of Request: \$1,000,000

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## Explanation of the request:

The Green Square Project is a mixed-use, city-block complex housing: 172,000 square-feet of administrative office space for the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), a 79,400 square-foot wing of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, restaurant/retail and 418 public parking spaces. The centerpiece of this project is the Museum's new wing, the **Nature Research Center ("NRC")**, a state-of-the-art facility that will serve as the public face of the Green Square Project, a visitor destination, primary research center and hands-on student laboratory.

The Green Square Project will be a major part of the revitalization of downtown Raleigh, adding an estimated \$243 million into the local economy and creating nearly 4,000 jobs. In addition, the Green Square is expected to become a national model for sustainable design, demonstrating to millions the importance of conservation, including lowering operating costs, reducing waste, conserving energy and water, providing a healthier and safer environment for government employees and visitors, reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions, and exemplifying environmental stewardship and social responsibility.

In order to offer more opportunity for public scrutiny, I have posted information on each project request submitted to the Appropriations Committee at the time the request was

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